

REMARKS

The Official Action mailed December 15, 2008, has been received and its contents carefully noted. This response is filed within three months of the mailing date of the Official Action and therefore is believed to be timely without extension of time. Accordingly, the Applicant respectfully submits that this response is being timely filed.

The Applicant notes with appreciation the consideration of the Information Disclosure Statements filed on May 25, 2006.

A further Information Disclosure Statement is submitted herewith and consideration of this Information Disclosure Statement is respectfully requested.

Claims 1-32 are pending in the present application, of which claims 1, 5, 6, 9, 12 and 13 are independent. Claims 1, 4-6, 9, 12, 13, 16, 18, 23, 28, 31 and 32 have been amended to better recite the features of the present invention. The Applicant notes with appreciation the indication of the allowance of claims 1-15, 17, 19-22 and 24-30 (Box 5, Office Action Summary, pages 3-4, Paper No. 20081204). For the reasons set forth in detail below, all claims are believed to be in condition for allowance. Favorable reconsideration is requested.

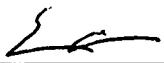
Paragraph 4 of the Official Action rejects claims 16, 18, 23, 31 and 32 under 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph. Specifically, the Official Action objects to a lack of antecedent basis for "the second metal oxide film" in claim 16, line 3, for "the first metal oxide film" in claim 18, line 3, for "semiconductor element" in claim 23, line 3, and for "the third substrate" in claim 31, line 4; and the Official Action objects to claim 32 for referring to a number of different display devices instead of just one of a group of possibilities.

In response, claims 16, 18, 23 and 31 have been amended to provide positive antecedent basis for the above-referenced features, and claim 32 has been amended into Markush group format by adding "one selected from the group consisting of" before the list of devices.

The Applicant respectfully submits that amended claims 16, 18, 23, 31 and 32 particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which applicant regards as the invention and are definite. Accordingly, reconsideration and withdrawal of the rejections under 35 U.S.C. § 112 are in order and respectfully requested.

Should the Examiner believe that anything further would be desirable to place this application in better condition for allowance, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at the telephone number listed below.

Respectfully submitted,


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